

CIA RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

2:30 p. m., 15 November 1971

PRESENT: Mr. Harry B. Fisher

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- Chairman
- DDS&T Member
- DDI Member
- DDS Member
- DDP Member
- Legal Advisor
- Technical Advisor
- Recording Secretary
- Executive Secretary

GUEST : Dr. John R. Tietjen, Director of Medical Services

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This meeting was called in order to discuss with Dr. Tietjen the request for disability retirement submitted by [REDACTED] 1A9a. The Board of Medical Examiners has recommended to the Director of Personnel that [REDACTED] request not be approved. The Director of Personnel notified [REDACTED] of this recommendation and [REDACTED] stated that he wished to appeal this decision. Following the discussion at this meeting, [REDACTED] will appear before the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

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The Chairman briefed the Board on the background of this case and concerning his conversations with [REDACTED]. The Chairman also noted that [REDACTED] personal physician had stated that he should not be working and that he was disabled. [REDACTED] stated that in discussing this type of case with Mr. Andrew Ruddock, Director of Bureau of Retirement and Insurance, he stated that in some cases where there is a difference of opinion between the applicants physician and the medical examiners, the BRI will refer the case to an independent specialist for his opinion. Mr. Ruddock also stated that if the adjudicator concludes that there is genuine doubt in a case, that doubt is resolved in favor of the applicant.

Dr. Tietjen then briefed the Board on the procedures followed by the Office of Medical Services and the Board of Medical Examiners with regard to a request for disability retirement under CIARDS. He stated that the Board of Medical Examiners considers the evidence provided by the applicants physician, the supervisor's statement, the applicants evidence,

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25X1A9a the administrative evidence and the results of examinations by the various  
25X1A9a Divisions of the Office of Medical Services. Dr. Tietjen stated that the  
25X1A9a conclusion of the Board of Medical Examiners was that [REDACTED] does  
25X1A9a have impairments, but they do not think he is disabled. Dr. Tietjen then  
25X1A9a briefed the Board on the medical history of [REDACTED] beginning with an  
25X1A9a accident which occurred in 1961, which involved a box of ammunition which  
25X1A9a fell and struck him on the left shoulder. Dr. Tietjen stated that following  
25X1A9a D/Pers notification to [REDACTED] he met with [REDACTED] who provided  
25X1A9a him with a memorandum from his private physician. However, after review  
25X1A9a by the members of the Board of Medical Examiners it was their combined  
25X1A9a opinion that there was no new evidence and that further deliberations were  
25X1A9a not in order. [REDACTED] was so advised.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED] job description included the respon-  
25X1A9a sibility to overseas TDY duty. Dr. Tietjen stated that the record reflects  
25X1A9a that of recent years they have approved him for TDY and overseas planning,  
25X1A9a as late as January 1971. [REDACTED] asked Dr. Tietjen what the degree of  
25X1A9a impairment was in this case. Dr. Tietjen stated that the man can not do  
25X1A9a arduous work or lift heavy objects, but in terms of anything else - he can  
25X1A9a do anything else. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] informed the Board that [REDACTED] had filed a BEC  
25X1A9a report on 28 April 1961, which was submitted to BEC in June 1962. BEC  
25X1A9a asked for considerable more information and in March 1963 they disallowed  
25X1A9a the claim. The claim was resubmitted in June 1965 and in December 1965  
25X1A9a the following was received from BEC, "This notice will inform you that the  
25X1A9a Bureau accepts that this employee bruised his left shoulder 19 April 1961.  
25X1A9a The symptoms resulting from this injury did not persist beyond June 1963.  
25X1A9a The complaints of 1965 for which the employee has received medical ex-  
25X1A9a aminations and care pertaining to the cervical region did not result from  
25X1A9a the injury of 19 April 1961. He should consider the charges for all medical  
25X1A9a services after June 1963 as his personal responsibility. No further examin-  
25X1A9a ations or medical treatment are authorized in this case."

In answer to [REDACTED] question regarding the possible opinion of  
an independent specialist, Dr. Teitjen stated that the Board of Medical Exam-  
iners would be happy to reopen the case if any new evidence is presented.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

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